Item #5- Trails Miles

Evaluation Objectives: To evaluate whether adequate miles of trails are being provided to meet visitor needs.

Methods: Evaluation of miles of trails, visitor use, and field observations.

Results and Evaluation:

Trail Miles

Table 5-1. Miles of Trails by Trail Activity

Types of trails	Miles
Motorized ATV	30.0
Motorized single track	56.2
Hiking only - Jewel Basin	37.0
Stock and Hiking (wilderness and non-motorized)	1750.0
Snowmobiling on groomed system	47.5
Cross country skiing on groomed system	149
Total	2069.7

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The forest manages eight National Recreation Trails that total 69.18 miles in length. The forest also manages a 19.5 miles of the Continental Divide Scenic Trail located within the Bob Marshall Wilderness.

Table 5-2. Miles of National Recreation Trails

District	National Recreation Trail	Miles
Tally Lake	Danny Onn Memorial Trail #370	5
	Lupine Lake # 210	4
	Elk Mountain # 252	9
Swan Lake	Blacktail ORV #917,918,919	13
	Holland Falls # 416	1.6
Glacier View/Hungry Horse	Smokey Range # 270	10.33
	Ralph Thayer Trail # 26	17
	Whitefish Divide Trail # 26	9.25
Total		69.18

Table 5-3. Miles of National Scenic Trails

District	National Scenic Trail	Miles
Spotted Bear	Continental Divide Scenic Trail	
	East Fork Strawberry #161	11.8
	Badger Cutoff #147	2.1
	Sun River Pass #116	1.2
	Bowl Creek #324	4.4
Total		19.5

Trails within burned areas including trails burned prior to the monitoring period are requiring trail clearing of blow down repeatedly during the summer season. The trails are also requiring drainage, relocation and work at stream crossings. The table below illustrates the mileage of system trails within the burn areas.

Table 5-4. Miles of Trails Burned and Year of Fire

Year of fire	Miles of burned trail
2001	32
2003	136.1
2005	59
2006	41
2007	223
Total miles	491.1

Recommended Actions: Budget allowing, strive to maintain a trail reconstruction construction/construction program at over 25 miles per year.   Maintain trial system at existing level.